

State of North Carolina In the name of God Amen I Josiah Swindell of the County of Hyde and Province of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and hath called to mind the uncertainty of this life and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last will and testament. Revoking and disannulling all other wills and testaments whatever before by me made and done and for such worldly goods it hath pleased God to bestow or give I leave in the manner and form following, that is to say I leave and Bequeath to my son Robert Swindell all my Blacksmith Shop tools and instruments therunto belonging, and one hand saw and one broad cut saw and all my lumber debts that is due to me at my decease. — and as for the Remaining or residue of the miscanack tools I leave to be Equally divided amongst my five sons called Thimble, Ananias, Samuel, Wilkes and Robert Swindell. I leave and Bequeath to my dearly Beloved wife Esther Swindell all the Remaining part or residue of my estate or property to her firmly to be her right and property during her natural lifetime, and then after her decease I give that her remnant shall be equally divided amongst my five following children, excepting the fulfilling of my debts is that my son Robert Swindell to have one feather bed & furniture delivered to him first and then to be equally divided as aforesaid. May my five following children called Thimble, Ananias, Samuel, Wilkes, Robert, and also my five Daughters named after their mother Margaret Sadler, Priscilla Harris, Deborah Davis, Ann McKinnon and Elizabeth Tanner — But as to my son Abraham Swindell and his heirs I bequeath them of with one king & shilling Sterling and no more. — and also I constitute and appoint my son Robert Swindell Executor and my wife Esther Swindell Executrix of this my last will and testament. Witness which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of May one thousand Eight Hundred and four A signed, Sealed and pronounced — Josiah Swindell
in the presence of just witnesses }
That John Henry }
Thomas Sanderson } Continued on next page —

Hyde County 8 August Term 1806 The Due Execution of this last will and testament of Josiah Swindell Decd was proved in open Court by the oath of Thomas Sanderson an Evidence thereto ordered to be Recorded

Test Ben. Foreman Clerk

James Orisk Feb 3rd 1800

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R. A. Harris, etc

Now when the seventeenth day of one thousand seven hundred and ninety six in the name of God Amen I Mary Mason of the County of Hyde and Province of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die to make and Ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my soul into the hand of the Almighty God that gave it and Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Buriall where with I give and dispose of my property in the following manner and form. In first I place I give Bequeath unto Abraham Arthurson son of my Brother Abraham Arthurson a piece or parcel of land containing one hundred more or more or less, lying on the west side of Wetmore Creek binding on both and River and if he or we should die without lawful heir of his Body, then my will and desire is that his sister Mary Arthurson should inherit the said Land. — Also, I give and Bequeath unto James and Abraham Arthurson sons of my Brother Abraham Arthurson my horse all my tools and my land to be equally divided between them two. I give and bequeath to James Arthurson two cows and calves, I give and bequeath unto my Brother wife Hepzibah Arthurson all my provisions that I have behind, then I give and bequeath unto Mary and Lacey Arthurson Daughters of my Brother Abraham Arthurson two daughters all my household furniture, and likewise all my wearing cloaths the same her girls — Mary and Lacey Arthurson. Continued on next page —